

## COMMENT

MCGOVERN HURT  
BY BODY BLOWSRecent Actions Due to  
Severe Punishment.

## NOT VICTIM OF BAD HABITS

Terry Has Always Kept Himself in  
First-Class Condition—Indifference  
to Pain.

Terry McGovern escaping from sanitariums, doing queer things at race tracks and otherwise showing traits of the man for whom the padded cell yawns establish sharply the limitations that nature has placed on human ability to withstand punishment, says a Philadelphia writer.

Five years ago the man who is now acting more like a morphia victim than a great athlete was champion of the world's featherweights. His rise had been meteoric, his career phenomenal. Until the hard fist of Young Corbett laid his low, Terry knocked out every man who faced him, and did it so quickly and decisively that he won himself the appropriate nickname of "Terrible." He was never out of training, was always ready to fight at the shortest possible notice, and took such excellent care of himself that the wise ones predicted a prosperous and happy career for him after his boxing days ended.

## Future Looked Happy.

Surface indications pointed that way. McGovern had laid aside enough money for a comfortable start, and his strength and health stood him in such good stead for a time that he was able to knock out as good a boy as Eddie Hanlon less than a year ago.

But tortured nature was only holding back its revenge, not foregoing it. Conditions have now developed that make it appear an unfortunate day that brought the Brooklyn boy into the prize ring.

## Never Flinched.

But he never spared himself. His was the "take-a-punch-to-land-one" policy. He feared no one, and never took into account any blow could come hard enough to hurt him. In every battle he headed furious blows to the head down, taking enough of a hammering to put out half a dozen ordinary men.

It made very spectacular milling, and the unthinking cheered, but Terry has paid a heavy price.

It was not the blows landed on his honest face that did the business. These leave marks, but their damage is temporary. The body punishment inflicted the permanent injury. The vital organs of the chest are not to be continuously pushed without a protest. The injury may not show at once, but the pain must eventually be paid in physical wreck or nervous breakdown.

## SPORTING COMMENT.

## BASEBALL.

Detroit will probably play Dick Cooley in the right garden.

Men are jumping in and out of the Tri-State League with such frequency that it is more than likely that are another season rolls around the national commission will have the league in line, and then the players will have to toe the line or quit the game.

Larry Lajoie, the greatest of the swat-tists, says that before he became a star Holy Cross College tried to get him. Pitcher Donohue says that Yale was once after him.

The injury of Chick Stahl in the opening game of the National-Boston series was more serious than was at first thought, and his injured knee compelled him to stay out of the opening game in Beantown.

If the National League wants to remain in the good graces of the public it should take some drastic action in order to ward off a repetition of cases of rowdism like last Saturday, when Dan McGinn, the New York first baseman, punched Catcher Abbott, and started a riot at the Philadelphia grounds. A month on the bench would teach Daniel a lesson, and would curb the riotous propensities of the rest of McGraw's gang.

Bernhardt, the Cleveland twirler, has shown great control in all his tryouts, and Manager Lajoie is now touting the big fellow as the equal to any pitcher in the business.

Sporting Life picks Captain Burrill as the best third baseman in the college ranks.

The St. Paul American Association team is using Pat Carney, the former Boston National outfielder, in left field.

## MAT AND KING.

Farmer Burns has been engaged by Tom Jenkins to assist in training for the championship wrestling match with Hackenschmidt, in Madison Square Garden, on May 4.

Tommy Murphy and Hughie McGovern, the New York featherweights, have been matched to box in Philadelphia on May 10.

## COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

When a college ball player gets so good that he cannot stand the criticism it's about time for him to join the Wagner-Keeler-Collins-Lajoie class.

Georgetown has little to regret over the defeat by Princeton. With Ralph Byram pitching like the other day, there are no teams in the college circuit that could beat him effectually, and several of the big teams that he is pitted against are doomed to defeat before the end of the season.

It took Harvard ten innings to beat Williams Saturday. Cheer up, George Washington. It was the same pitcher who worked against the Buff and Blue.

John Graham, the first man to negotiate the hundred yards in ten seconds, died at Lawrence, Mass., the other day.

With Georgetown and Central High, in the championship classes in their respective divisions, and the other local teams in slower classes, Washington should bring home some prizes from the Pennsylvania relay carnival on April 22. TOM ROLAND.

## BOWLING RACING ATHLETICS BOXING

## DIAMOND STARS OF GOOD SHIP DOLPHIN



From Left to Right, Standing—Farrell, Murphy, Hildebrandt, Dickson, Crandall, Manager B. Antholow. Second Row—Smith, Murray, Wasson, Amey. Front Row—Mendel, Curnane, Wister, Clarke.

Boxing and Wrestling  
Comment and Gossip

Danny Lewis Arises to Remark—Lowe and Murphy on Thursday—Sullivan and Lewis on Friday.

A voice is heard from the wilderness around Indian Head. It is that of Danny Lewis, who arises to remark that the reports about his being out of condition were the machinations of enemies.

Danny wrote to Ristic Leonard at the Rock Spring Hotel and made a big kick about the said reports, and now wants to fight to show how badly he was maligned. He says he weighs 135 pounds, but can get down to 120 and be strong. His ambition in life at present is to get a match on in Baltimore and prove that he is as good as he was when he gave Kid Sullivan one of the hardest fights the Kid ever had.

Danny's ambition in the Baltimore line will probably be satisfied in the near future, as he is a clever boy, and deserves to have a chance. Leonard is now negotiating for a scrap for him before the Eutaw Athletic Club, of Baltimore, but does not want to put him against a dub, and no match will be made until an opponent of class is found.

Washington fighters are to have quite a chance in Baltimore this week. Tommy Lowe is to meet Young Murphy, who claims to hail from Chicago, before the Eutaw Athletic Club, on East Baltimore street, on Thursday night, and Kid Sullivan is to fight Harry Lewis before the Eureka Club in the Fourth Regiment Armory, on Friday night.

Young Murphy seems to be somewhat of a mystery. He asserts that he was quite the goods in Chicago and licked men out there so fast that it was simply cruel, but in the East he has been able to get no engagements so far. There has been absolutely no way of getting a line on him, although Johnny O'Connor has done much gumshoe work in that line. A hurry-up sport rushed into Johnny's place one day with a likely looking youngster whom he declared to be Young Murphy, but later came reports that it was all a fake and that it wasn't the Chicago hero at all. The consequence is Tommy has never seen the man he is to fight.

After the excitement over in Baltimore the other night when Otto Williams became foolish with the heat and awarded Jack McClain the decision over Tommy Lowe on a foul the Baltimore promoters woke up. It was such a plain case of a referee letting the crowd rattle him that the Eutaw people decided upon a new referee and to have that they were willing to give Washington a fair deal they agreed that either Jim O'Hara, the referee of the Eureka Club, or Pat O'Connor, the wrestling and fight official of Washington, should do the work.

Pat is a brother of Johnny O'Connor, who is the manager of Tommy Lowe, but he has a reputation for fairness and he is perfectly satisfactory to all concerned. Because of this relationship, however, it is probable that Jim O'Hara will have the first call if he wants the job. O'Hara has shown himself this season to be a first-class referee in handling the bouts before Al Herford's club.

Lowe has been working faithfully for the coming fight. He and all his camp were disgusted and disappointed by the ending of the McClain affair and want him to show the Baltimore fans that he is a better scraper than the knockers over there have been willing to admit.

Kid Sullivan and Harry Lewis should put up a rattling go on Friday. Lewis appeared in Washington when he went fifteen rounds to a draw with Tommy Lowe, at Glen Echo, on New Year Day. He made a fair impression then, and later had a shade on Sullivan in a six-round bout in Philadelphia. The Kid is a study and slow fighter, and does not show to advantage in the short scraps held in the Quaker City, so his meeting with Lewis there should be thrown out in doping the two men.

Sullivan's stamina and ability to come back all the time should count for much against a man who could not put Lowe away in fifteen rounds, and unless a lucky punch spoils calculations, he should get the decision at the end of the long route in Baltimore. He declares that he has trained harder for this bout than he has for any other in a long time, as there is every prospect of the winner meeting Herrera, and the hour of the fight is rather slow on the coast, and wants to make hay before the sun shines hot enough to put an end to the Eastern boxing season.

Followers of wrestling were much pleased with the good condition and ability displayed by Americus (Gus Schoenlein) in his exhibition with August Faust last week at the Lyceum. The engagement was purely an exhibition, but in it Americus was going all the time, and it was evident that he will be a tough proposition for any man of his weight next season.

Jim Boxwell was somewhat of a disappointment in his exhibition with Faust, going down in three minutes, but he should not be judged too harshly for that. He was a victim of over-confidence and it was clear he did not give the German credit for ability to throw such a heavy man and one with some experience in such short order. If they had gotten together again it would have been a safe bet that Faust could not have won in such a rapid and decisive manner.

NEW YORK, April 24.—An accident that was prevented from resulting in a fatality by presence of mind and skillful daring happened yesterday at the height of the rowing session on the Hudson river, struck out for it. He had hardly gone more than a hundred feet, however, when he became numb from the cold water and shouted for help.

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PRESENCE OF MIND  
SAVED RODENBACH

New York Oarsman Had  
Narrow Escape.

## TWO SCULLS TO RESCUE

Titus and Steinkamp Each Took a  
Hand in Getting Man Safely  
to Float.

NEW YORK, April 24.—An accident that was prevented from resulting in a fatality by presence of mind and skillful daring happened yesterday at the height of the rowing session on the Hudson river, struck out for it. He had hardly gone more than a hundred feet, however, when he became numb from the cold water and shouted for help.

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